APPENDIX A.

# THE MYSORE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

*APRIL SESSION, 1919.*

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## INTERPELLATIONS.

MR. G. GIRIMAJI RAO, KOLAR.—

Q.—1. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of districts that suffered seriously for want of timely rains?

(*b*) Whether the Government are in receipt of reports from Deputy Commissioners, recommending remission on wet, dry and garden lands for the year 1918-19?

(*c*) If they are in receipt of such reports, what action has been taken by Government in the light of these reports?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

1. (*a*) Four Districts [Kolar, Tumkur except a few taluks, Shimoga except a few taluks and Bangalore partly] are reported to have suffered to some extent.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The attention of the member is invited to Government Order No. R. 13579-88—L. R. 375-18-13, dated 24th April 1919.

MESSRS H. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR AND NAGE GOWDA, MULBAGAL.—

Q.—2. Government appointed a Committee to consider the question of *Tari Banjar* remission, and the report of the Committee has been received by Government. Will the Government be pleased to state their decision on the report of the said Committee?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

The subject is under consideration. Government hope to pass orders at an early date.

MESSRS. H. KRISHNASASTRY, VENKATASUBBIAH AND SAMBUGOWDA, KRISHNARAJPETE TALUK, AND RAMASWAMI SASTRI, YEDATORE TALUK.—

Q. 3—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many rupees worth of food stuffs have been commandeered after the establishment of the Food Controlling Department and what are its profits and the number of cases brought to Court and their disposal?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties which the public are undergoing in not procuring the most essential food stuffs, *viz.*, rice and ragi, and if so, what satisfactory arrangements have been made as a relief therefor?

(*c*) Whether it is noticed as to what loss the raiyats in the villages and the public are put to in view of the rules introduced for the control and commandeering of food stuffs?

(*d*) Have Government noticed what loss the raiyats in the villages and the public purchasers are put to in view of the rules introduced for the control and commandeering of food stuffs?

(*e*) Have any agreements been obtained from the Proprietors of the Rice Mills in the City by the President, Mysore City Municipal Council, and if so, will the Government be pleased to cause copies of such agreements to be placed on the table?

(*f*) Have the Government noticed the undue advantages derived by the Proprietors of these Mills on the strength of the above agreements or other arrangements entered into with them in prejudice to other local tradesmen?

(*g*) Would the food stuffs be permanently kept under Government control, and the appointment of the Food Controller and his staff made permanent ?

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

3. (*a*) (1) Up to the end of March 1919, 5,443 pallas of paddy, 463 pallas of rice, 41,986 pallas of ragi, were commandeered. Information regarding the total cost is not available at present.

(2) Government are not selling the grain for profit. The grain is sold at as near as possible to the cost price and in some instances cost of transit is borne by Government.

(3) One hundred and sixty-seven cases instituted; 14 cases disposed of (as per information available).

(*b*) Government understand that since the removal of the restrictions on inter-provincial traffic and also of maximum prices the situation has improved.

(*c*) and (*d*) The food control arrangements have been undertaken to meet a serious and unprecedented situation and in response to an articulate demand from all sections of the public. Government do not think that any avoidable hardship has been caused to the public by these arrangements. On the other hand they consider that the measures undertaken notwithstanding all their minor defects and deficiencies, have had the effect of putting down undue profiteering by producers and middlemen and have ensured to the general public a supply of the staple necessaries of life.

(*e*) and (*f*) Certain agreements were entered into by the Food Controller with the Rice Mills in the Mysore City, but Government are not prepared to place on the table copies of such agreements. Government are taking steps to ensure that the Mills do not take undue advantage of the agreement.

(*g*) Government do not contemplate any permanent arrangements of the kind but adequate control will be maintained so long as it is necessary in the public interest.

MR. S. R. BALAKRISHNA RAO, B.A., LL.B., SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q. 4—(1) Is the attention of the Government drawn to the articles that appeared in the issue of the *Karnataka* dated 29th January 1919, under the Heading "Our Education Department." Are the Government aware that transfers of Educational Officers of the tutorial staff in the middle of the terms have been more frequent of late ?

Will the Government be pleased to state what action they propose to take to prevent recurrence of such transfers and avoid dislocation of work in schools as has happened during the present academical year ?

SECRETARY, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE—

A.—Government have perused the articles referred to. Government have no reason to think that the transfers of teachers in the middle of the term have been unduly frequent of late. Every precaution is taken to prevent dislocation of work when such transfers are absolutely necessary.

MR. S. R. BALAKRISHNA RAO, B.A., LL.B., SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q. 5—(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many kunbi settlements have been established by the Forest Department, during the last ten years ?

(*b*) What amount has been spent on each family settled or at least on each settlement ?

(*c*) The total population of the settlements;

(*d*) Whether any and what income or return the department has earned during the period ?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—(*a*) Twenty-five settlements up to the end of June 1918.

(*b*) About Rs. 102-2-4 on each family.

(*c*) One thousand two hundered and twenty two persons.

(*d*) Rs. 1,687 as assessment on lands cultivated.

MR. ANANTIAH, NAGAR SABHA.—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to place before the Assembly the number of villages where new settlers were brought in, the number of settlers remaining, the amount of advance given to the settlers, the advance, if any, recovered by the several Maland Improvement District Committees of the State?

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

Available information is placed on the table. Further information has been called for and will be placed on the table as soon as it is received.

MR. K. RAMANUJA IYENGAR, GUBBI TALUK.—

Q.—7. (*a*) How many factories are there in the State?

(*b*) How many were constructed by the Department of Industries and Commerce?.

(*c*) How many of them are in working order?

(*d*) How many of them are kept idle?

(*e*) Have Government enquired into the state of such factories and rendered any help in organizing the business of such factories and making them successful concerns?

(*f*) If not, is it not high time in assisting such proprietors and run up the mills to the encouragement of other people when other countries are very busy in re-construction affairs?

SECRETARY, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE.—

1. (*a*) Under the Mysore Factories Regulation, only concerns in which not less than 20 persons are employed are styled as factories, and the number of such factories is 78. Please see page 36 of the General Administration Report for details.

(*b*) There are six Government Factories. The Department has helped 149 concerns in all consisting of rice mills, oil mills, flour mills, sugar-cane crushing, pumping installations, etc., in erecting machinery worked by mechanical power.

(*c*) and (*d*). A detailed enquiry is being made. many of them are working well, but a few have stopped work owing to the difficulty in getting crude-oil on account of the present abnormal conditions and other causes.

(*e*) and (*f*). A special staff has been appointed by Government and assistance is being rendered by the Industries and Commerce' Department whenever it is applied for by the owners of factories.

MR. K. RAMANUJA IYENGAR, GUBBI TALUK.

Q.—8. (*a*) What arrangement has the Government made in securing food stuffs below Marikanve and Krishnarajasagara and other big irrigation works of the State where water-supply could be had?

(*b*) Has the Government tried to find out the possibilities of growing food stuffs on the banks of Tungabhadra and Hemavati rivers by means of power pumps?

(*c*) What number of wells are there which could supply water in growing food stuffs in the State?

(*d*) How many acres could be brought under irrigation by such wells?

(*e*) Is it not high time to utilize water from rivers, wells and *cody-halla* in growing paddy?

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

(*a*) Certain concessions have been ordered in Government Orders Nos. R. 12921-74—L. R. 42-18-15, dated 7th April 1919, and R. 12087-97—L. R. 42-18-12, dated 22nd March 1919 to encourage the growth of food grains under the Krishnarajasagara and Vanivilas Sagara respectively. Copies of the orders are placed on the table.

(*b*) No. It would be difficult to obtain the necessary machinery under the existing conditions.

(*c*) No information is available.

(*d*) The area under wells according to the season and crop report for 1916-17 is 71,864 acres.

(*e*) This is being done as far as possible.

MESSRS. ANANTARAJAPPA AND ANANTALAKSHMINARANAPPA, TUMKUR.—

Q.—9. (*a*) What action was taken upon the report of the Special Committee of the Representative Assembly appointed to submit proposals on the question of improvement of the present village postal system?

(*b*) How many Post Offices were newly opened after the formation of the Special Committee?

(*c*) How may runners and village Postmen were newly appointed?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.—

(*a*) A reference is invited to para 1 of the reply of Government to subject No. 7 of the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly of 1917.

(*b*) New offices have been opened in the following 25 places from 1st January 1918:—

Bangalore District.—Satanur, Alhalli, Bevur.
Kolar District.—Singapur.
Tumkur District.—Chikkatottalkere, Itikedibbanahalli, Baragur, Kummaghatta, Kallur.
Shimoga District.—Tyavanege, Keladi, Kanale.
Mysore District.—Tagadur, Ulhalli, Kibbanahalli.
Hassan District.—Arehalli.
Chitaldrug District.—Hereguntanur, Belaghatta, Chikkanahalli, Hirehalli, Sokke, Janakal, Hadadi, Lokeekere.

(*c*) Government have no information regarding the number of runners and village Postmen newly entertained by the Postal Department.

MESSRS. H. KRISHNA RAO, K. KRISHNAPPA AND H. HUTCHA RAO, OF KOPPA TALUK.

Q.—10. Government may be pleased to furnish the following information.—

(*a*) Total revenue derived annually from the Maland area of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts under all heads, *viz.*, Land Revenue, Forest including Sandal, Excise, Registration, etc.

(*b*) Total sum incurred annually by the Government for these areas under all heads such as Land Revenue, Excise, Forest, Education, Sanitation, Medical, Public Works Department, etc.

(*c*) Do not Government think that considering the proportion of revenue derived by the State from all parts, that of the Maland contributes much more of revenue from all chief sources, *viz.*, Land Revenue, Forest, and Excise, than other parts of the State in proportion to its population and that the Government's expenditure towards its protection including the cost of the Malnad Improvement Scheme is also far less proportionate comparatively and that the Maland parts require therefore still more special better treatment at the hands of Government in the matter of general improvement in each and every direction?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.—

(*a*) Information is available in the published Finance and Revenue accounts up to 1916-17. The figures for the year 1917-18 under Principal Heads of Revenue are placed on the table.

(*b*) Expenditure figures *districtwar* are not being published since 1916-17. Those under Land Revenue, Forest, Registration and Education, for the year 1917-18 are placed on the table.

(*c*) From the published figure for 1915-16 as in the margin (*Vide* Appendix C.) it will be seen that the expenditure per head of population in Shimoga and Kadur was more than that in the Maidan Districts of Tumkur, Chitaldrug and Kolar. Government are however showing special consideration to Malnad and will even increase grants for Malnad improvement, if necessary.

MESSRS. H. KRISHNA RAO, K. KRISHNAPPA AND H. HUTCHA RAO OF KOPPA TALUK.

Q.—11. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The actual amount spent year by year on the Malnad Improvement Works out of the allotment sanctioned, since the Malnad Improvement Scheme came into being?

(2) The details of talukwar works carried under the Malnad Improvement Scheme for the past five years ?

(3) The distribution of professional executive staff and their jurisdiction together with the information about the percentage of charges incurred on professional. executive, ministerial and administrative staffs.

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

(1), (2) and (3).—All available information is placed on the table. Further information has been called for and will be placed on the table as soon as it is received.

MR. T. NARASINGA RAO, NORTH MYSORE NATIVE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION, CHIKMAGALUR.

Q.—12 Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) The number of acres applied for under the concession granted in Government Order No. R. 4602-16—L. R. 276-18-3, dated 21st September 1918 for the purpose of increasing the production of food stuffs in the State ?

(2) The number of acres actually given out for cultivation after the order was passed (both permanent and temporary cultivation) ?

(3) What is the amount of takavi loans granted to the raiyats for purchasing seed grains, manure, etc., after the order was passed ?

If the experience gained during these six months goes to show that the measures adopted are not adequate, will Government be pleased to state what further measures they mean adopting to combat the impending famine ?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

So far as Government are aware the concessions have not been largely availed of but information has been called for and will be furnished when received.

The attention of the member is invited to Government Orders Nos. R. 12921-74—L. R. 42-18-15, dated 7th April 1919, and R. 12087-97—L. R. 42-18-12, dated 22nd March 1919, granting concessions in certain areas for the growing of food crops.

MR. B. GUNDU RAO, DEVANHALLI TALUK.—

Q.—13. II. Will the Government be pleased to say whether the potgi amount allowed to the shanbhogs and patels is included in the Land Assessment ? If so, at what per cent ?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

The interpellation is not clear. If, however, the meaning of the question is "whether the potgi is taken into account in fixing the land assessment" the answer is in the negative.

MR. M. SUBBIAH, VOKKALIGARA SANGHA, BANGALORE.—

Q.—14. III. Will the Government kindly give the following information :—

The number of Vokkaligar students that appeared for the Lower Secondary Examination last year, the number that passed and the number that have been continuing studies out of those that passed ?

SECRETARY, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE.—

Ninety-nine Vokkaligar students appeared for the English Lower Secondary Examination last year of whom 26 passed and 20 of the latter are now continuing their studies in the IV Form of English High schools. 324 students appeared for the Kannada Lower Secondary Examination of whom 71 passed and 2 of these are now continuing their studies for the Upper Secondary Examination.